Commission for the last 3 years viz. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is given below :

(Rs. in crores)

1993-94	273.49	(Gross)	270.93	(Net)*
	+ 4.50	(A.C.A.)	+ 4.50	(A.C.A.)#
1994-95	328.25	(Gross)	325.83	(Net) *
	+ 4.82	(A.C.A.)	+ 4.82	(A.C.A.)*
1995-96	485.04	(Gross)	375.46	(Net)*
	+16.46	(A.C.A.)	+16.46	(A.C.A.)

* Payment made after adjustment for previous year.
# Additional Central Assistance.

Modernisation of Power Plant

1762. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the power stations and power plants which have been modernised and upgraded by the Government during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the details of their earlier and present capacity of power generation;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the present demand of power; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Names of power units which have been modernised and upgraded during the last two years alongwith their earlier and present capacity of power generation is given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d). Steps taken by the Government to meet the present demand of power include the following :

i. Capacity addition.
ii. Demand side management measures.
iii. Renovation and modernisation of existing plants.
iv. Energy Conservation.
v. Reduction of T & D losses.
vi. Effective utilisation of generation by transfer from surplus regions to deficit regions through inter-regional links.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Unit	Type	State	Earlier capacity (MW)	Present capacity (MW)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Durgapur-3 of DVC	Thermal	West Bengal	130	140
2.	N.L.C.-1 & 2 Stage-I	Thermal	Tamil Nadu	2x45	2x50
3	N.L.C - 9 Stage-I	Thermal	Tamil Nadu	1x95	1x100
4	Satpura-6	Thermal	Madhya Pradesh	1x150	1x180
5.	Satpura-7	Thermal	Madhya Pradesh	160	180
6	Bhakra-9 right Bank	Hydro	Punjab	132	157
7.	Nagjhari-2	Hydro	Karnataka	135	150

[English]

Modernisation of Meat and Poultry Processing

1763. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of modernisation and development plans of Government for meat and poultry processing;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Government to various organisations for training the artisans and managers engaged in the plan schemes, during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of artisans and managers trained during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) In the Meat and Poultry Processing sector, the developmental plans operated by the Ministry envisage development of processing of Pork, Sheep and Goat Meat, Rabbit and Buffalo meat, Poultry meat and Egg Processing. Under these schemes, financial assistance is given to the State Government undertakings (from the States of J and K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and North Eastern States, and states with large tribal population) cooperative sector, registered societies and voluntary organisations.

Financial assistance in the form of interest free loan is also given to the joint sector/assisted sector industry with private participants and private entrepreneurs through State Undertakings/Banks etc. Financial assistance is also given for the development of research, technology, infrastructure for transport and trained manpower development.

The financial assistance for such schemes is restricted as per the availability of the budget.

(b) and (c). The Statewise financial assistance provided for training and the number of artisans trained during the last three years, are given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

1993-94 (Rs. in lakhs)

State	Grant-in-aid	Number of Candidates Trained
Assam	3.173	85
Andhra Pradesh	0.90	25
Maharashtra	1.80	45
Manipur	0.72	25
1994-95		
Assam	5.32	140
Andhra Pradesh	1.936	50
Maharashtra	1.790	50
Bihar	1.00	25
Manipur	2.45	75
1995-96		
Assam	6.564	180
Maharashtra	0.999	25
Tamil Nadu	1.20	30

Bitumen Scam

1764. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has called in the Central Bureau of Investigation to investigate a bitumen scam involving transport companies, State Government officials and public sector oil companies;

(b) the amount involved in this scam;

(c) the main aspects of the scam and the nature of irregularities which resulted in the loss of crores of Rupees to the State Exchequer;

(d) the reasons for an inequitable distribution of bitumen which led to the distortions in transportation and black marketing of the subsidised product;

(e) the outcome of the investigations made by the C.B.I. so far; and

(f) the remedial measures taken to prevent this scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Based on certain reports from Vigilance set up of the Oil Companies, a special audit was carried out by the Oil Coordination Committee (OCC) and certain irregularities in transportation and distribution of Bitumen in various regions of the country were detected. An involvement of the private transport and State Government officials and Public Sector Undertakings was suspected and amount involved was considerable, the matter has been referred to CBI for detailed investigation. Special audit report of OCC had indicated that private transporters had claimed payments for transportation of bitumen between various stocking points, which was not actually done. The payment for such claims was made by Oil Companies and reimbursement of the same claimed from the OCC without verification of the actual transportation or otherwise of bitumen.

(d) Bitumen is an allocated product and the State-wise allocation is made by the Central Government based on the assessment of the requirement made by the Oil Companies in consultation with the State Governments and also the historical upliftment of the product by the State Governments.

(e) The report of CBI is awaited.

(f) In order to prevent such scams, the Oil Companies will closely monitor the movement of petroleum products from one location to another.

Earthquake

1765. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for setting up of a high level team to enquire into the causes of earth-quake in Talapally Taluks, district Thrissur in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) On receiving the report of tremors in Thrissur area of Kerala, India Meteorological Department investigated the matter through field survey in 1994-95 when a few minor tremors were recorded and the report was sent to State Government for appropriate action. Another party of IMD is now making field survey in Thrissur area for further study.

Fire in Water

1766. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news-item captioned "Fire in Water" appearing in 'The Sunday Observer of Business and politics' New Delhi dated October 6-12, 1996;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the facts of the matter referred to therein; and